REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action dated October 19, 2004, requiring restriction between Invention I (claims 1-30), Invention II (claims 31-34), and Invention III (claim 35). With this Response, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Invention I (claims 1-30) without traverse. Applicants also withdraw claims 31-35 without traverse and reserve the right to prosecute such claims in a later application.

The Office Action also requires selection of a species between Species I (Figures 1 and 2), Species II (Figures 3), and Species III (Figures 5-7). With this response, Applicants elect to prosecute Species I (Figures 1 and 2). Claims 1-21 are readable on Species I (Figures 1 and 2).

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims and a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite the resolution of this case, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

If any fees are inadvertently omitted or if any additional fees are required or have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit these fees to Conley Rose, P.C. Deposit Account No. 03-2769.

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